ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DUNBARTON,

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1872.

Daniel H. Parker to town of Dunbarton, *Dr.*

To cash in treasury March 1, 1872	$589 94
Taxes assessed April 1, 1872	2,291 99
Amount of town notes March 1, 1872	893 30
Interest on notes for the past year	53 59
Railroad tax	
Savings Bank tax	
Literary fund	
Amount received from County	156 44
Received from Wheeler and Ordway for burial lots	10 00
State bounty	6,763 88
Received arearages of National Bank tax	450 05
	$1,2674 74

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By amount of orders and receipts March 1, 1873	$1,0250 38
Notes, principal and interest	946 89
Cash in treasury	1,477 47
	$1,2674 74

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

CALEB PAGE,
ISAAC P. CLIFFORD,
Auditors.

Whole amount of money tax assessed, including non-resident, highway, dog, and school house tax for 1872	$5,834 49
State tax	948 00

County Tax	$1,106 28
School money	1,260 12
School house tax in District No. 5	202 92
" " " No. 2	25 18

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1	$60 24
" 2	173 16
" 3	112 20
" 4	152 58
" 5	137 12
" 6	154 52
" 7	115 03
" 8	113 13
" 9	62 82
" 10	85 41
" 11	93 91
	$1,260 12

Orders given by the Selectmen for 1872:

Daniel H. Parker, Treasurer	$12 00
Frank B. Mills, Town Clerk	25 00
H. E. Ryder, Selectman	50 00
Charles L. Holmes, Selectman	41 50
Oliver Bailey, Selectman	34 00
George I. Bard, services as Superintending School Committee.	50 00
Charles Kimball, Auditor	2 00
Caleb Page, Auditor	2 00
Samuel B. Hammond, Moderator	2 00
Frank B. Mills, for record book	6 00
H. E. Ryder, for printing town reports and stationery	48 38
Frank B. Mills, record book	3 00
Lewis Wilson, care of town house for 1871	3 00
Oliver Bailey, for cash paid Morrison & Stanley for advice given Alfred Colby on road business for 1869	5 00

George I. Bard, for services as School Committee for 1872	$15 00
H. E. Ryder, cash for stationery	2 86
Oliver Bailey, for cash paid I. B. and Otis E. Whipple for assistance rendered for building private highway	75 00
A. R. Dearborn, for medical attendance on Josiah Heath	7 50
H. E. Ryder, for cash paid Peter Butterfield for land damage	100 00
Charles G. B. Ryder, for taking depositions to be used in case of Samuel Wilson	2 00
Nathaniel S. Safford for care of town house	3 00
H. L. Burnham, for surveying Whipple road and perambulating town line	5 00
Samuel B. Hammond, for services as Moderator	2 00
Thomas C. Ryder, for collecting taxes for 1872	38 00
James M. Rogers, for damage on sleigh	5 00

Orders given for labor on hill near Samuel Barnard:

Samuel Barnard, for labor	$6 00
David Sargent, "	4 50
Walter G. Clough, "	4 50
John C. Mills, " and cash	15 00
Oliver Bailey, for repairing bridges	6 00
Luther Frachure, for work on highway	2 00
Augustus Woodbury, "	6 62
Alfred Colby, "	10 00
Benjamin Page, "	10 75
Thomas S. Wilson, repairing cattle passes	10 00

Orders given for damage by dogs:

Richard Cilley	$7 00
Thomas Mills	3 50
Daniel G. Davis	7 00
John E. Morse	18 50
Charles L. Holmes	3 50
Charles Clifford	3 50
Gilman Woodbury	3 50
John Page, jr.	7 00
Page Twiss	3 00

Orders given for water furnished highway for 1872:

John C. Mills	$3 00
H. L. Burnham	2 00
John C. Ray	2 00
John B. Ireland	2 00
William C. Stinson	2 00
Ira M. Colby	2 00

Orders given for abatements:

Irad Poor, overtax	$4 12
Charles Brown, overtax	4 12
Eliphlet R. Sargent, overtax	3 00
Thomas C. Rider, overtax	7 50
Samuel Burnham, overtax	7 50

Orders given for the abatement of illegal taxes:

Eunice Leach	$7 14
Josiah Heath	1 00
Levi Call	1 00

Orders given for abatements:

Simon Flanders	$2 50
Heirs of Richard Parkinson	1 80
Frank Parkinson	1 50
Harrison Webber	1 50
Samuel Kelly	1 50
Eugene Jameson	1 50
David Laro & Co., 5 dogs	5 00

EXPENSES OF MAINTAINING COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Laura Buzzell	$26 00
A. R. Dearborn, for medical attendance upon David Lara, and family	20 00
Oliver Bailey, for assistance rendered John Baker	17 00
Thomas C. Ryder, for provisions and goods, to Jonas H. Jameson	93 44
	$156 44

Received of county	$156 44

Outstanding bills against the town:

Daniel H. Parker, Treasurer	$12 00
Frank B. Mills, Town Clerk	27 00
H. E. Ryder, Selectman	63 85
Oliver Bailey, "	50 50
John C. Mills, "	45 75
Samuel Woodbury, services as Superintending School Committee	35 00
Caleb Page, Auditor	2 00
Isaac P. Clifford, Auditor	2 00
Nathaniel T. Safford, care of hall	3 00

Individual notes now held against the town:

One note, principal and interest	$1,358 50

Notes due the town, with interest:

William B. Burnham	$415 73
C. L. Holmes	175 89
B. W. Lord	221 68
Samuel Burnham	133 58

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of notes and interest held against the town	$1,358 50	
Outstanding bills	241 10	
		$1,599 60
Notes due the town, with interest	$946 89	
Cash in treasury	1,477 47	
		$2,424 36
Balance in favor of the town		$824 75

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. RYDER,
OLIVER BAILEY,
JOHN C. MILLS.

Town of Dunbarton to H. E. Ryder,		*Dr.*
April,	To eleven days taking inventory and making taxes	$22 00
	Looking over woodland of Challis Fitts, Caleb Page and Ebenezer Page	2 00
May,	Making return of inventory	4 00
June,	½ day on petition, I. B. Whittle	1 00
Aug.,	Drawing jurors	75
	½ day on road business	1 00
Oct.,	Making checklist	2 00
Jan.,	Making out paupers' account and settling the same	3 00
Feb,	Looking up Samuel Wilson's settlement and expense for the same	14 60
	Two days making check list and town report	4 00
March,	One day at town Treasurer's	2 00
	½ day revising check list	1 00
	Recording inventory and taxes	3 00
	" orders	1 50
	Time spent to get reports printed	2 00
		$63 85

April 7, 1872, town of Dunbarton, to Oliver Bailey, for services as Selectman, *Dr.*

To 5 days taking inventory		$10 00
6 days making taxes		12 00
1 day looking over real estate of Challis Fitts, and others		2 00
1 day making out inventory return to the State Secretary		2 00
June 7, to 1 day putting up a lost signal pole, and finding lumber for the same		3 00
1 day laying out a private road for Israel B. Whipple, and Otis E. Whipple		2 00
Oct. 12, to 1 day making out a warrant, and revising the check-list		2 00
Dec. 3-4, to 2 days perambulating town lines, between Dunbarton, Bow, and Hooksett		4 00

Dec.	4,	to drawing jurors	$ 50
		2 days on pauper business . . .	4 00
		½ day on road business	1 00
Feb.	21,	1 day making out warrants and check-list	2 00
March	7,	1 day at town Treasurer's . . .	2 00
		drawing jurors	50
	3,	1 day making out town report . .	2 00
	8,	½ day correcting check list . . .	1 00
			$50 00

Town of Dunbarton to J. C. Mills, *Dr.*

1872.			
April	10,	To 1 day viewing farms at Page's Corner	$2 00
	18,	11 days, taking inventory and making taxes	22 00
	26,	½ day distributing Surveyors' warrants	1 00
June	7,	1 day putting up signal pole and furnishing material for same . . .	2 50
	22,	½ day on Whipple road . . .	1 00
Aug.	24,	Drawing jurors	50
Oct.	12,	1 day making check list, etc., . .	2 00
	16,	½ day on town business . . .	1 00
Nov.	12,	1 day on town business . . .	2 00
Dec.	4,	2 days, perambulating Bow line . .	4 00
		Drawing jurors, and revising juror box	75
1873.			
Feb.	4,	1 day on pauper business. . . .	2 00
	21,	1 day making warrant and check list, and posting same	2 00
March	3,	1 day making town reports . . .	2 00
	8,	½ day revising check list . . .	1 00
			$45 75

Town of Dunbarton to Frank B. Mills, *Dr.*

To services as Town Clerk:

1 day at annual meeting	$2 00
1½ days notifying town officers	3 00

Recording and making return of births and deaths	$4 00
Drawing and notify jurors	4 00
Recording and returning enrollment . .	1 00
Searching records and finishing copies on Wilson case	3 00
Postage and stationery	1 00
Recording town business	9 00
	$27 00

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT.

Our common schools are the glory of our republic. Its continuance depends upon the influence of the Christian Religion and the general diffusion of knowledge among the people. New England ideas have leavened our whole country and the energy hidden in that leaven, carried from the district school. New England is small in territory, and barren in soil, but, although she cannot boast of "magnificent distances" or miles of waving grain, she can boast with truth that she has been successful in raising men. Her sons scattered up and down over our land, carrying those habits and that training acquired among her rocks and hills have always everywhere been forerunners of civilization and sources of light and knowledge.

The moon shines by borrowed light, so the sons of New England wherever they go reflect the light of the district school house; which although humble in appearance is as potent a luminary as even the brilliant orb of day.

Let us then cherish our district schools. Let parents, teachers, and scholars combine to raise their standard high and make them what they should be. Such co-operation is absolutely necessary in order to insure the desired results, the best teacher can accomplish but little alone, the most studious and willing scholar labors under a great disadvantage when the teacher is incompetent for his or her position. "A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether," should be the motto. Parents have much to do in this direction by visiting the school occasionally; they may encourage teacher and scholars alike. They may greatly discourage a faithful teacher and greatly injure their children by listing a believing ear to disparaging remarks made by scholars in regard to

the teacher; or by giving heed to floating and uncertain rumors in regard to the management of schools. It was not the fashion to listen to stories told out of school. In this respect the fathers in olden time were wiser than their children.

The government of a school is of the greatest importance. There must be proper discipline maintained, otherwise, the time spent by the scholars in school is wasted, and the money expended by the district in support of the school thrown away. There is a growing laxity throughout the country, in this respect. While we do not advocate undue severity, we believe there is a golden mean to be obtained in the matter of government, and that the old adage is still full of force and truth: "Order is heaven's first law."

Before concluding our remarks, we desire to call the attention of our townsmen to what we deem a growing evil in connection with our schools. We refer to the tendency to introduce studies into our common schools which do not belong there; but rather belongs strictly and properly to a high school or academy. Teachers are employed on the ground of their supposed ability to impart instruction in such branches as belong to the high school. The result is that the interests of the many is sacrificed to the interests of the few; valuable time is taken from those who can ill afford to lose it, and bestowed upon a few who ought not *really* to be in attendance upon the district school, but should be enjoying the benefits of instructions at the hands of the teacher or teachers connected with some good high school or academy. It should be borne in mind, that the fact that a young man is a member of a college is no certain evidence that he is well adapted to the position of a teacher in a common school; often rather an evidence to the contrary, for reasons not difficult to be seen. It is frequently the case that a teacher might be obtained for less money who would do the work much better than such a one because better adapted thereto. It should also be borne in mind that *our* common schools are for the *many*, that the majority of those who attend them must finish their education there without ever enjoying the privilege of study in academic walls. Their wants should be consulted most of all, and if there are those who can with profit pursue the higher branches let them go where such branches are taught, for our common schools are designed for instruction in common school branches.

The detailed report will exhibit in some measure the condition of the schools; in the main the result is encouraging, but not so altogether.

District No. 1.

Two terms, both taught by Miss Mary E. Page. Miss Page is a very faithful teacher. Her school appeared to very good advantage when visited by the superintendent. There is some as good material of which to make good scholars in this district as in any district in town. We are glad that scholars of so much promise have been favored this year with *two* terms of school.

District No. 2.

Two terms, taught by Mr. Sylvester Brown, and Mr. John B. Mills, who finished out the second term in consequence of Mr. Brown's departure to take charge of a school in Manchester. Mr. Brown met with his usual success as a teacher in connection with this school. Mr. Mills' scholars at their examination acquitted themselves very creditably, after being "done brown" and then "ground out" by the *Mills*; why should they not?

District No. 3.

Three terms, all taught by Miss Mary A. Bunten. This is quite a small school but has some scholars as advanced and apt to learn as any in town. Miss Bunten gives good satisfaction to the district as is evident from the fact that they engage her to teach their school three terms in succession. I notice that in twenty eight weeks Fannie Carswell has no mark against her, and Addie S. Straw but one.

District No. 4.

Three terms, taught in turn by Miss Hattie Prescott and Mr. Edward A. Greeley, a member of Dartmouth college. This was Miss Prescott's first attempt at teaching. She is a good scholar but quiet and retiring in manner and not at all showey. She succeeded in gaining the good will of the scholars by her kind and gentle manner and considering the fact that this is her own district, succeeded remarkably well in this her first school. She taught two successive terms, and was followed by Mr. Edward A.

Greeley who taught the third term. This was also Mr. Greeley's first attempt at teaching and we cannot call it altogether a success We are quite willing to believe that he stands well in his class at college, but he is very *rusty* in those branches which are usually taught in common schools. We presume he did as well as he could and hope if he makes a second attempt at teaching the experience acquired here, will be of advantage to him. We need not here repeat our remarks in regard to looking to the college for a district school teacher.

District No. 5.

Two terms, taught in turn by Mrs. Rebecca A. Woodbury and Mr. John P. Brown, two most excellent teachers. This school is one of the largest and the most advanced in town. Quite a number of the scholars are young men and young women. Mrs. Woodbury taught the first term. It is not necessary to say anything in her praise. She is too well known to require it. She is an excellent scholar and remarkably adapted to the work of teaching. Our schools cannot fail to miss her. Mr. Brown taught the second term. A good teacher is born, not made. He succeeds remarkably well in this work. His examination, at the close of the term cannot be called anything less than number one. Ii was a real treat to be present and listen to the prompt, accurate replies of the scholars to the questions put to them.

District No. 6.

Three terms, the two first taught by Miss Abbie F. Straw, and the third by Miss Mary C. Heath. Miss Straw is a good scholar, considerably above the average. She was faithful and conscientions in the discharge of her duties, a strict disciplinarian—a little too much so, perhaps, for these degenerate days when the old maxim formed on the wise sayings of Solomon, "spare the rod and spoil the child," is so lightly esteemed.

Miss Heath's school was very satisfactory to the district. She knew how to combine firmness with friendship, better than many of our teachers She has a good share of that rare commodity, known as common sense—hence her success. The superintendent, residing in this district has adopted all the children connected with this school and thinks his children are as good as anybody's children.

District No. 7.

Two terms, taught in turn by Miss Annie J. Hammond and Mr. Edward P. Hodsdon of Dartmouth college. This district has had no connection with district No. 11, as in former years. Miss Hammond taught here her first school. So far as we know succeeded very well. Mr. Hodsdon's school was satisfactory to the district. We have heard no dissenting voice.

District No. 8.

Two terms, taught in turn by Miss Annie N. Goodhue and Mr. John P. Brown. This is a small school but has some excellent scholars. We report Horace Wheeler as second to none in town. Miss Goodhue commenced the first term of this school, but after having taught a few weeks was unexpectedly called away to visit a sick brother who subsequently died. She taught so short a time, that we can say but little in regard to this term; if we can call it a term at all. Mr. Brown took the school the following term and did extraordinarily well. The examination was one of the very best we ever attended. Having proved himself faithful in a few things, he was promoted to a larger school in No. 8 and succeeded equally well there.

District No. 9.

One term, taught by Miss Mary A. Burnham. Miss Burnham deserves a good word from the Superintendent, and shall have it. She is a scholar, every inch of her; thorough and accurate. Her school was small, but she was patient and pains-taking with her scholars to an unusual degree. The Superintendent noticed that what she knew, she knew certainly. It is very much to be lamented that this district is situated just as it is, that the scholars in it are so few and the time devoted to study so short.

District No. 10.

Two terms, taught by Miss Abbie H. Barnard. Miss Barnard is an experienced teacher, and met with her usual success with this school. She gives great satisfaction to the district, and when we consider the fact that it is her own district we are lead to see that a "prophet may sometimes have honor in his own country and among his own kin."

District No. 11.

Two terms, taught in turn by Miss M. Emma Burnham and Mise Emma L. Hammond. This school has had no connection the past year with that in No. 7, as in former years. Miss Burnham made her first attempt at teaching here, and succeeded well so far as we know. Miss Hammond is developing into one of our best teachers. Her school was satisfactory to the district and to the Superintendent.

We must be allowed before closing this report, simply to allude to the fact that there is a high school in session in town, at the present time, under the instruction of John B. Mills, A. B., a recent graduate of Dartmouth College. It is desirable that whoever undertakes the good work of teaching a high school in town should be encouraged. Mr. Mills is a son of Dunbarton, and home talent should be encouraged most of all.

GEORGE I. BARD,
SAMUEL WOODBURY
Superintendents.

STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS.

Districts.	Teachers.	No. weeks school.	Wages per month.	Whole No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	No. not absent half day.	No. visits of Prudential Com.	No. visits by citizens.
No. 1,	Mary E. Page.	8	$13	12	9	3		6		10
No. 1,	Mary E. Page.	9	16	12	9	17	1	2		10
No. 2,	Sylvester Brown.	11	35	30	24	18	33	1		27
No. 2,	Sylvester Brown.	10	44	30	25	9	18	4		34
No. 2,	John B. Mills.									
No. 3,	Mary A. Bunton.	10	16	8	7	1	3	5	1	9
No. 3,	Mary A. Bunton.	6	16	7	6	2		2		5
No. 3,	Mary A. Bunton.	12	16	9	7	16	1	2	1	10
No. 4,	Hattie E. Prescott.	8			15	16	7	3		25
No. 4,	Hattie E. Prescott.	7			15	17	13	3		4
No. 4,	Edward A. Greeley.	11	25	20	18	105	47	3	1	
No. 5,	Rebecca A. Woodbury.	8	20	17	24	27	4	3	1	30
No. 5,	John P. Brown.	11	42	28	24	28	16	3	2	57
No. 6,	Abbie F. Straw.	10	23	20	18	58		5	4	24
No. 6,	Abbie F. Straw.	8	23	27	22	70		4		7
No. 6,	Mary C. Heath.	8	25	25	13	54	8			1
No. 7,	Annie J. Hammond.	10	17	6	4	1				22
No. 7,	Edward T. Hodsdon.	12	25	12	8	7	3	3		10
No. 8,	Annie W. Goodhue.	3								
No. 8,	John P. Brown.	12	35	10	9	16		1	1	23
No. 9,	Mary A. Burnham.	10	27½	9	5	36	1			6
No. 10,	Abbie H. Barnard.	8	20	15	14	7	1	4	1	32
No. 10,	Abbie H. Barnard.	8½	24	15	11	1	2			8
No. 11,	M. Emma Burnham.	8	16	13	7	15	1	3		21
No. 11,	Emma L. Hammond.	10	22	13	10	59	10	2	4	25

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